IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended)   A recording medium comprising:

a first memory for storing encrypted content material via a first write operation;

a recording indicator for ~~containing~~ generating and

5   storing a unique identifier at each occurrence of the first write operation; and

a second memory for storing, via a second write operation, a secure item based on the unique identifier when the encrypted content material is stored.

2. (Previously Presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the secure item includes an encrypted key for facilitating a decryption of the encrypted content material, the encrypted key

5   being dependent upon the unique identifier.

3. (Previously Presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the recording indicator includes a counter incremented by a recording device when the recording device records the encrypted

5   content material.

4. (Currently Amended)   A rendering device for rendering content material corresponding to encrypted content material contained on a recording medium, the recording medium also including a recording indicator containing an original value_and a

5 current value depending upon first write operations of said encrypted content material being written into the recording medium, the rendering device comprising:

one or more decrypters for decrypting the encrypted content material based on a current value of the recording

10 indicator, said one or more decrypters provide the content material only when the current value of the recording indicator corresponds to the original value of the recording indicator; and

a renderer configured to render the content material.

5. (Previously Presented) The rendering device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said rendering device further comprises:

an authorization device for controlling the renderer based on a usage-measure associated with the recording medium, and a

5 validity period associated with the content material.

6. (Previously Presented) The rendering device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said rendering device further comprises:

a key generator for creating a unique key based on the current value of the recording indicator,

5   and wherein the one or more decrypters decrypt the encrypted content material based on the unique key based on the current value of the recording indicator.

7.   (Previously Presented)   The rendering device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the one or more decrypters include:

a first decrypter for decrypting a doubly encrypted content key based on a private key of the rendering device to

5   provide a singly encrypted content key;

a second decrypter for decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the unique key that is based on the current value of the recording indicator to provide a content key; and

a third decrypter for decrypting the encrypted content

10   material based on the content key to provide the content material.

8.   (Currently Amended)   A provider of content material comprising:

a recorder for recording encrypted content material and a corresponding secure item on a recording medium, said recorder

5   comprising:

a first input for receiving content material;

a second input for receiving a content key;

~~the encrypted~~a first encrypter for encrypting the content
material ~~being encrypted~~ based on ~~a~~ the content key;

10   means for writing the encrypted content material on the
recording medium in a first writing operation;

         a third input for receiving a recording indicator from the
recording medium in response to the first writing operation;

         a second encrypter for generating ~~and~~

15 ―――――the secure item ~~being~~ based on a value of ~~a~~ the recording
indicator of the recording medium ~~when the encrypted content~~
~~material is recorded on the recording medium~~; and

         means for writing the secure item on the recording medium
in a second writing operation.

9.   (Previously Presented) The content material provider as
claimed in claim 8, wherein the content material provider further
comprises:

         an allocator for allocating rendering rights associated
.5 with the encrypted content material,
and wherein the recorder further records the rendering rights on
the recording medium.

10.   (Previously Presented) The content material provider as
claimed in claim 8, wherein

the secure item corresponds to an encryption of the content key based on the value of the recording indicator.

11.   (Previously Presented) The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:

one or more encrypters for providing the secure item.

12.   (Previously Presented) The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:

a key generator for generating a unique key based on the

5   value of the recording indicator; and

one or more encrypters for encrypting the content key based on the unique key to produce the secure item.

13.   (Previously Presented) The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:

a first encrypter for encrypting the content key based on

5   a unique key that is dependent upon a value of the recording indicator to produce a singly encrypted content key; and

a second encrypter for encrypting the singly encrypted content key based on a public key that is associated with a

rendering device to produce a doubly encrypted content key

10   corresponding to the secure item.

14.   (Currently Amended)   A method of providing content material,

the method comprising the steps:

        recording encrypted content material on a recording medium

in a first write operation, the encrypted content material being

5   dependent upon the content material and a content key; and

        recording a secure item on the recording medium in a

second write operation, the secure item being dependent upon a

recording indicator ~~that is associated with~~generated by and stored

in the recording medium upon each first write operation.

15.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14,

wherein said method further comprises the step:

        recording rendering rights associated with the encrypted

content material on the recording medium.

16.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14,

wherein said method further comprises the steps:

        generating a unique key based on the recording indicator;

and

5   encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce

the secure item.

17.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14,
wherein the method further comprises the steps:

       generating a unique key based on the recording indicator;

       encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce
a singly encrypted content key; and

       encrypting the singly encrypted content key using a public
key associated with a rendering device to produce the secure item.

18.   (Previously Presented) A method of rendering content material
from a recording medium that includes encrypted content material,
an encrypted content key, and a recording indicator, the method
comprising the steps:

       determining a unique key based on the recording indicator;

       decrypting the encrypted content key based on the unique
key to provide a content key;

       decrypting the encrypted content material based on the
content key to provide the content material; and

       rendering the content material.

19.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 18,
wherein:

       the recording medium also includes rendering rights, and

the step of rendering the content material is dependent

5 upon the rendering rights.

20.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 18,

wherein the step of decrypting the encrypted content key includes:

decrypting the encrypted content key based on a private

key to provide a singly encrypted content key; and

decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the

unique key to provide the content key.